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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Maurice Husson, Christian Jacquemet and Eugene Vorobiev  
Appl. No. : 10/520,471  
Filed : January 7, 2005  
For : PROCESS FOR PREPARATION OF AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS  
OF MINERAL LOADS, AQUEOUS SUSPENSIONS OF  
MINERAL LOADS OBTAINED AND THEIR USES  
Customer No. : 1912  
Examiner : Ernst V. Arnold  
Group Art Unit : 1616

**COMMUNICATION IN REPLY TO MARCH 5, 2007 OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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This Communication is submitted in response to the Office Action issued on March 5, 2007 in connection with the above-identified application. A reply is due by April 5, 2007. Accordingly, this Communication is being timely filed.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-8 are pending in the subject application.

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In the March 5, 2007 Office Action, the Examiner requested that applicants make an election of claims to pursue in the application together with an election of species. In response to the restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 1-5, drawn to a process of preparing suspensions of fluid mineral matter. With respect to the species election, applicants elect calcium carbonate. Claims 1-5 encompass the elected invention.

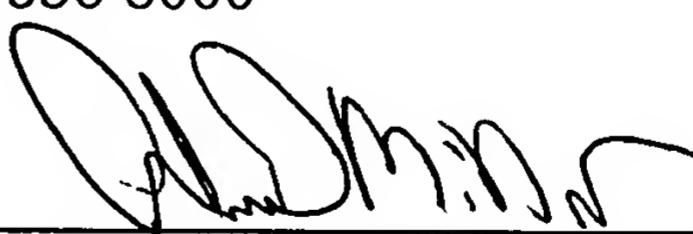
Applicants maintain that a search for one group of invention identified by the Examiner would necessarily identify art pertinent to the other groups. Applicants respectfully point out that if a search and examination of multiple groups can be made without serious burden on the Examiner, the Examiner must examine the application on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions (MPEP §803). Applicants maintains that it would not place an undue burden on the Examiner to examine Claims 1-8. Accordingly, reconsideration and rejoinder of groups of inventions identified by the Examiner are respectfully requested.

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Communication. However, if any fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

Respectfully submitted,

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